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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A cryptography method, comprising:  
  
determining information to be encrypted; and  
  
encrypting said information using a non-trivial ci-quasigroup to encode said information.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, further comprising decoding said information using the crossed-inverse function of said ci-quasigroup.
4. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein said encrypting comprises carrying out a first encryption to get a first result, then carrying out a second encryption using said first result, and said encryption can be iterated an arbitrary number of times.
5. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1 further comprising defining a rule indicative of said quasigroup.

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6. (Original) A method as in claim 3 further comprising defining a rule indicative of said crossed inverse of said quasigroup.

7. (Original) A method as in claim 1 further comprising carrying out a second encrypting using said arithmetic, and wherein a result of said second arithmetic is encrypted exponentially more than a result of said first arithmetic.

8. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1 wherein said encrypting comprises using a non trivial non-group crossed inverse quasigroup to encode.

9. (Original) A method as in claim 3 further comprising distributing information indicative of said quasigroup as a public key, and keeping secret the crossed inverse quasigroup.

10. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1 wherein said quasigroup is formed by an  $n$  by  $n$  square, where  $n$  is greater than  $10^{10}$ .

11. (Original) A method as in claim 4 wherein said first and second encryption form iterative encipherment.

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12. (Original) A method as in claim 4 wherein said first interiation is carried out in a different direction than said first encryption.

13. (Original) A method as in claim 12 wherein said first direction is left to right and said second direction is right to left.

14. (Original) A method as in claim 1 wherein said encrypting is carried out using block ciphers.

15. (Original) A method as in claim 14 wherein said block cipher are defined by a function.

16. (Original) A method as in claim 14 wherein said block ciphers are formed using cross inversed quasigroups, used according to  $C = f(M, K)$  for the encryption and  $M = f_{inv}(C, K)$  for the decryption.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) A cryptography method, comprising:

determining information to be encrypted; and

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encrypting said information using a crossed-inverse quasigroup.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A method as in claim 19, further comprising decoding using a crossed inverse of said quasigroup.

22. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein said encrypting comprises carrying out a first encryption to get a first result, then carrying out a second encryption using said first result.

23. (Original) A cryptography method comprising encrypting information using an arithmetic with an algebraic structure, said algebraic structure being a nongroup, nonfield structure.

24. (Original) A method as in claim 23 wherein said algebraic structure is not associative.

25. (Original) A method as claim 23 wherein said algebraic structure is not commutative.

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26. (Original) A method as in claim 24 wherein said algebraic structure is not commutative.

27-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising a program stored on a computer readable media including instructions to:

encrypt a message using information indicative of a crossed-inverse quasigroup representation;

send the encrypted message; and

decrypt the message using information indicative of the same crossed-inverse quasigroup representation.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 29, wherein said arithmetic is one which is based on a multiplication table which is expressed as a rule.

32. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 29, further comprising adding a random seed to said arithmetic.

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33. (Previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 29, further comprising using an additional encryption to provide an effective key size of  $x^2$  of the original encryption.

34. (Canceled)